

## REMARKS

### Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, claims 7, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 19 have been allowed.

Claims 1-3, 11-13 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,526,083 to *Barry*.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Barry* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,722,284 to *Gustafson*.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Barry* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,894,916 to *Nimz*.

### Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant proposes amending claims 1 and 10, and canceling claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-15, 17 and 21. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 16 and 18-20 are pending for further consideration.

### All Claims are Allowable

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In the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, applicant respectfully proposes amending claims 1 and 10 to incorporate the subject matter indicated as being allowable in 7, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 19, and canceling claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-15, 17 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant therefore requests allowance of claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 16 and 18-20.

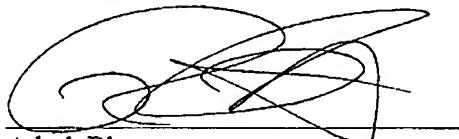
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal. Applicant also requests the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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